

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 296 - HB 779

February 14, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Board of Medical Examiners (BME), the Board of Osteopathic Examination (BOE), the Board of Nursing (BON), and the Board of Physician Assistants (BPA) to, within 45 days of receiving an application for licensure from a person who is licensed in another jurisdiction, either issue the license or deny licensure and inform the applicant of its the reasons for the denial.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$33,300/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/
Division of Health-Related Boards**

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Division of Health-Related Boards had a surplus of \$2,931,602 in FY20-21, a surplus of \$2,687,730 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$37,100,641 on June 30, 2022.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, it is estimated the BME, BOE, BON, and BPA will be able to process applications from other jurisdictions in the required timeframe utilizing existing personnel.
- All applications for licensure are required to be approved or denied at a public board meeting; therefore, each board must meet at least eight times per year in order to comply with the 45-day requirement.
- Each board member is reimbursed for travel expenses at a rate of \$160 (\$.63 per mile x 254 miles) per meeting, and a per diem of \$100 per meeting. The total cost per meeting per board member is \$260 (\$160 + \$100).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures for additional board meeting is estimated to be as shown below:

Board	Number of Additional Meetings Per Year	Number of Board Members	Total Cost Per Member Per Meeting	Increase in Board Expenditures
BME	2	12	\$260	\$6,240
BOE	4	6	\$260	\$6,240
BON	4	11	\$260	\$11,440
BPA	4	9	\$260	\$9,360
Total				\$33,280

- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$33,280 in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Division of Health-Related Boards had a surplus of \$2,931,602 in FY20-21, a surplus of \$2,687,730 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$37,100,641 on June 30, 2022.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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